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SUBJ: PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN ETHIOPIA

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON THE INDONESIA AMBASSADOR, HE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE KHEIRELDIN ABDELRAHMAN (BELIEVED TO BE THE PLO REP IN KHARTOUM WHEN OUR ENVOYS WERE ASSASSINATED), WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS THE SECOND MAN IN THE PLO FOREIGN AFFAIRS SET UP. KHEIRELDIN WAS IN ADDIS TO ESTABLISH A PLO DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE. THE INDONESIAN SAID THE PLO REP HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN ARTICLE ABOUT ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, WHEN HE CALLED, AND THAT KHEIRELDIN HAD VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT ETHIOPIA'S ALLIANCE WITH THE USSR WAS ONLY TEMPORARY. THEY WOULD NOT REMAIN UNDER SOVIET TUTELAGE FOR LONG.

2. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE HAD ASKED TO CALL ON HIM, AND HE HAD ACCEPTED, ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PLO. KHEIRELDIN TOLD HIM THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN HIM DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND THE RIGHT TO FLY A FLAG ON HIS CAR ETC. (THERE IS A LARGE SIGN, SIMILAR TO THOSE
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WHICH IDENTIFY MANY OTHER EMBASSIES, POINTING THE WAY TO HIS HOUSE.) THE PLO REP WAS FURIOUS WHEN HE SAW THE ITALIAN BECAUSE HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ALSO GIVEN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO AN EXTREME RADICAL PALESTINE ORGANIZATION.

3. SUDANESE CHARGE HAS SAID THAT PLO OFFICIALS HERE ARE

NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH THE ETHIOPIANS AND ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE A SENSE THAT THEY ARE BEING AND HAVE BEEN OUT-MANEUVERED BY THE ETHIOPIANS. THEY CITE THE CASE OF ERITREA IN PARTICULAR. FORMERLY THEY WERE ABLE TO GIVE UNRESTRAINED SUPPORT TO THE GUERRILLAS, BUT NOW THEY FEEL CONSTRAINED BY THEIR PRESENCE IN ADDIS ABABA. WHILE THEY (PLO) MAY HAVE GAINED SOME DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION FROM THE ETHIOPIANS, THEY SEEM TO HAVE SUFFERED IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE ERITREANS. ETHIOPIAN EFFORTS TO COURT THE EXTREME RADICAL PALESTINE ORGANIZATION (PROBABLY THE IRAQI BA'ATHIST SUPPORTED FACTION) SHOULD BE SEEN AS A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE THE ERITREANS FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS.
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